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Appointments to the selection grade in the Registration department.

* 1112-C Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether in making appointments to the post of sub-registrars in the selection grade recently created the system of communal rotation according to the proceedings recently issued by the Inspector-General of Registration has been followed; and

(b) what is the maximum service put in by any of the persons in the upper grade of sub-registrars who have been superseded by this system and the minimum service put in by any of the persons appointed to the selection grade?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No sub-registrar who has been found fit had been superseded by this system. The minimum service put in by an officer appointed to the selection grade was 3 years and 5 months on 1st April 1928. This officer is a Muhammadan who was appointed to the upper grade of sub-registrar by direct recruitment in 1924 under the scheme of direct recruitment then in vogue.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask, Sir, with reference to the answer to (b) whether there is any sub-registrar who was found fit to act more than once as district registrar but who has not been appointed to the selection grade?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"Notice, Sir."

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* 1112-D Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased (i) to place on the table of the House a list of Sub-Registrars appointed to the selection grade with their length of service, their original place in the list of Sub-Registrars and the communities to which they belong; and (ii) to state—

(a) how many Brahmans have been superseded by the operation of the rule of "communal rotation";

(b) whether there is any other reason for their supersession except that they belong to the Brahman community;

(c) whether any of the non-Brahmans or members of other communities who have superseded their Brahman seniors applied for special promotion over the heads of their seniors;

(d) whether it is a fact that in some districts Sub-Registrars working under acting District Registrars or Sub-Registrars who were junior to joint Sub-Registrars have now become their seniors;

(e) whether Government will place a list of all such cases on the Council table; and

(f) whether Government are aware of the dissatisfaction, despair, and indiscipline prevailing in the whole service?

A.—(i) Please see answer to question No. 657-A answered on 26th November 1928.

(ii) (a) None.

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(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) This does not arise.

(*f*) The Government have no reason to think that there is dissatisfaction, despair and indiscipline in the service.

Issue of the rule of "Communal rotation in the Registration department."

* 1112-E Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rule of "communal rotation" was issued by the Inspector-General of Registration in consultation with him (the Minister);

(*b*) whether the rule was a decision of the entire Cabinet or only of the Minister or of the Transferred Half or of the Governor acting with the Ministers; and

(*c*) what is the advice tendered by the Minister to His Excellency the Governor on the matter?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government Order referred to was issued by the Government.

Promotion of sub-registrars to the selection grade.

* 1112-F Q.—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether about thirty sub-registrars have been promoted recently to the selection grade;

(*b*) how many of those so promoted satisfy the test of seniority;

(*c*) how many senior sub-registrars have been superseded by juniors being promoted over them, and on what grounds they have been superseded;

(*d*) whether at the time of these promotions to the selection grade there were about thirty joint sub-registrars attached to District Registrars' offices assisting the District Registrars in their administrative work in addition to the discharge of their duty as sub-registrars, and whether they had been selected for their posts as such joint sub-registrars on grounds of their seniority and approved merit; and

(*e*) how many of such joint sub-registrars have now been superseded by junior sub-registrars being promoted over them and why they have been superseded?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The selection was made with reference to seniority, efficiency and community. Persons who were considered unfit have been superseded.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) There have been no supersession.

Corporation

Nomination of Mr. O. Thanikachalam Chettiyar to the Madras Corporation.

* 1113-A Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTHAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the term of Diwan Bahadur O. Thanikachalam Chettiyar ceases as a nominated member of the Madras Corporation; if so, when;